

Reno Cartwheel

December 2011

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 6th of December 7:30 PM

Carrow's Restaurant

605 N. Wells Avenue (Wells and 6th), Reno, NV

December Mini-bourse

Bring coins to trade and sell.

January Large Cents

Dan Waterman presents large cents. Nomination for elections.

January 17th Awards Banquet and Elections

Awards dinner and elections of officers

February Medals and Their Making

We will watch "The Medal Maker." Please bring an interesting medal of your own.

February 25th Dollar Exchange at the Museum

Ken Hopple will be running the press, David Elliott will have the new coins at the state museum 10-3PM.

March SS Central America Inventory

Fred Holabird will tell us the true inventory of the shipwreck. Just released.

May ANA's "Change in Money: Cowries to Credit Cards." We will present ANA's National Coin Week program.

At The Last Meeting

32 members were in attendance for "Happy Birthday, Nevada" by Rusty King, who brought a variety of 100th and 125th anniversary medals of Nevada's statehood., which also included medals from 5 different counties. It was also noted that 2014 will mark Nevada's 150th birthday and our 30th anniversary. Sounds like we need to be thinking about another medal. Dan Waterman is exploring the possibility of holding a Reno Coin Club Coin show next September at Lawlor. He will be poling dealers to see if they would be interested. Couple hundred visitors attended Nevada Day at the State museum We sold several of our medals and handed out 40 applications. I believe we got three new members.

Early Bird Prize was \$2 Canadian polar bear won by Thomas Charleston.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Ed Scott: 2001 Mint set, 1985 mint set

Bart Daniels: NV commemorative

Leo Russow: 2 Kennedy halves, NV dollar, Krause 20th century coins

Thomas Charleston: 1970D half

Karen Sanguinetti: 3 Ken Holabird books, State quarter album

Rusty King: Andrew Jackson dollars

Dan Waterman 1938D nickle

Keith Gregory: 1981 proof set, ancient coin replica

Breanna Baldrige: US Grant dollars

Howard Buchler: Ormsby Horse medal, Wild West coin

Jack Gruhler: wooden nickles

George Drappler: coin albums

Auctions

Larry Demangate donated a 1917 half a won by Jack Gruhler for \$22.50.

Breanna Baldrige won the **quarter pot** of about \$10.

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December 4 Sacramento Coin Show.
Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, 10-6. Admission \$3.
Info: Peter McIntosh, (916) 922-8041. E-Mail:
mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com, Website:
www.mcintoshcoins.com

December 9, 10 San Francisco Ancient Bourse.
Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 10-6. Admission \$10.
Info: John Jencek, (650) 804-4841. Website:
www.sfbourse.com/

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The Other Coin: Snakes on Ancient Coins

I recently scored a couple of rare coins from Etenna in Pisidia (Asia Minor or Turkey):



They are a famous curiosity as the myth behind the images on the coin is unknown. Both coins feature a woman being attacked by a snake with a fallen amphora (wine jug) behind. The two men above hold a double-bladed axe and a scythe, seen more clearly below.

Now snakes were sacred to Dionysus. As part of his initiation rite a snake was placed in a basket called a cista mystica where the snake was a phallic symbol as it also was in the cult of Isis. The double-bladed axe is the tool to harvest trees and the scythe harvests grain and grapes. The Agatho Daemon, or Good Spi



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So our two coins have something to do, most likely, with rites of Dionysus. Perhaps the woman is being threatened by the snake for spilling wine and the men are harvesters of the wine and wood .

The snake was also sacred to Apollo as an aide to prophecy, seen below wrapped around his sacred omphalos stone or seat for Apollo's prophecies.



The snake on a staff was also sacred to Aesculapius, hold of health and sacrifices were made to snakes for good health or Salus. Coins depicting Salus feeding snakes on Roman coins usually indicate a thanks to the gods for healing the nation from some epidemic. It is one way to know how frequent epidemics were in the Roman Empire.



Snakes are also found on the staff of Hermes (above right) entwined in a winged caduceus. This becomes the symbol of medicine, although the doctor's staff of Aesculapius po right above has only a single snake on the staff. Hermes staff was a symbol of commerce and communication, not medicine.

Lucian of Samosata tells us of a divine prophetic snake created by a charlatan that nevertheless appears on some coins as a deity. Through puppetry and ventriloquism, the snake Glycon spoke from a humanoid face, complete with beard (see following above).



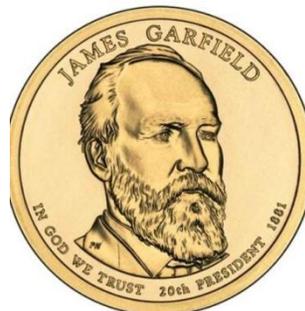
Ceres or Demeter, goddess of grain, and Triptolemos her son and first sower of grain are both depicted in chariots being drawn by snakes. Both gods of the Great Mysteries of Eleusis.



Snakes were consistently symbols of good luck , good health, prophecy, and the mysteries. In the great medical centers one slept with snakes to aid healing and dream about the cure or cause for one's poor health. Snakes were offered milk and other sacrifice when health was restored to an individual or a city. Alexander the Great's mother slept with snakes, claiming the encouraged the gods to make her fertile. The snake on the coin of Etenna tell some forgotten story of Dionysus of wine, fertility, and mystery that we may never fully know.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Last 2 coins of the year Garfield dollar and Chickasaw quarter:



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Australia's Perth Mints 1 Tonne Gold Kangaroo Coin



The new largest coin is a Gold Kangaroo by the Perth Mint. The massive piece weighs in at approximately one ton which equates to 1,000 kilograms or 32,150.746 troy ounces. This coin's diameter and thickness are also impressive coming in at nearly 80 centimeters and 12 centimeters, respectively. For comparison, the Perth's immensely popular one ounce gold kangaroo coin has a diameter of 3.26 centimeters and a thickness of .28 centimeters. Acknowledging the immense size and value of the 99.99% pure gold piece, it has been given a legal tender face value of AUS \$1,000,000. Based on recent gold prices of over \$1,725 an ounce, it has a melt value of over US \$55.4 million. The creation of the 1 tonne Gold Kangaroo follows other massive world issues. In 2000, the Chinese Mint struck a 10-kilogram gold piece only to be outdone a few years later. In 2007, the Royal Canadian Mint issued a 100-kilogram gold coin.

Gold Proof Dollars of Civil War Era Sell at a Premium

Douglas Winter Numismatics recently sold two very rare and very beautiful Proof gold dollars from the Civil War era. These were an 1862 graded Proof-64 Deep Cameo by PCGS, and an 1864 graded Proof-66 Deep Cameo by PCGS. The rarity of Proof 1862 gold dollars is not widely recognized, probably due to the fact that business strikes are very common and were minted to the tune of 1.36 million pieces. Proofs are another story with just 35 coins struck for collectors. On the PCGS website, it states that



“between 18 and 25 are known,” but this number seems high given the typical survival rate for small-size gold proofs of this era. The number known is more likely in the area of 15 to 18, with the average piece grading PR64 to PR65. PCGS estimates that “17 to 22 examples of 1864 Proof survive.” As with many of their estimates, it is likely they are a bit on the high side. The total number is more likely around 14 to 18, and this is based on the fact that there are only 12 auction appearances for Proof 1864 gold dollars dating back to the early 1990's. The record price at auction is \$32,200, set by Heritage 10/11: 4625, which sold for \$32,200. This is the exact coin shown above.

Finest Set of \$10 Liberty Head Sells For \$10 Million.



Legend Numismatics of Fort Worth, Texas, has purchased the complete set of \$10 Liberty Head gold pieces assembled by Professional Coin Grading Service. The transaction is valued at \$4 million. Hall's set is listed on the PCGS Set RegistrySM as the “Ellen D” collection (after his wife's first name). It is not only the finest set of its kind on the Registry, it is also finer than fabled sets assembled by noted 20th century collectors Harry W. Bass and Louis E. Eliasberg Sr. The 184-piece Liberty \$10 gold collection contains several finest known examples: 1848 MS64, 1858 MS64, 1875 AU50 (only 10 known), 1876MS60, 1883-O AU, 1899-S MS68, and 1902 MS66.

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34 members were in attendance for the Deep Mirror Proof Like (DMPL) Morgan dollars, including a complete set of Carson City dollars! Mostly collected from bags of silver dollars at the bank in his youth, the coins are spectacularly beautiful. Some dates are relatively common, but all are a treasure when found, coming from the first few hundred of new polished dies. Both dies have to be new, so that both sides are perfect. Hope you were there.



Let a club officer know if there is a topic you would like to hear. Someone in the club knows all.

Early Bird Prize was American bicentennial commemorative medal won by Ed Waselewski.

Raffle prizes winners were:

- Bill Gregory: Jefferson dollars
- Galen Gilbert: World Coin catalog
- Rick de Avila: Presidential dollars, copy roman coin
- Art Bonnel: 1854-O half dime, 1990 mint set
- Breanna Balerege: Grant dollars, buffalo nickle, 1972 mint set, set of blue books
- David Kasper: US Red Book
- Ken Hopple: roll of Australian pennies
- Shannon Holmes: World paper money set
- Ed Scott: coin holders
- David Elliott: Alexander the Great drachm replica

(some prizes were not recorded. do not forget to let Andre know what you won)

Auctions

Larry Demangate donated an early Harrah's Casino \$7 silver round won by Galen Gilbert for \$46.

Rick de Avila won the **quarter pot** of about \$12 and gave back \$5

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Oct. 28-29 Nevada Day at the Museum

The coin press will be making a special Nevada Day medal, and we will have our dollar exchange at eh museum. Admission is free on Saturday after the parade. \$8 adults on Friday. 8:30-4:30, press 10-3.

Nov. 6 San Jose Peninsula Coin Club Show

Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway. Info: Fred van den Haak 650 498-4158, 10-5 fredvdh@gmail.com

Nov 11-12 The Sacramento Coin Show.

Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way. Hrs: Fri: 10Am-6PM, Sat. 10AM-5PM. Info: Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055. Email: mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com Website: www.mcintoshcoins.com, Admission \$3

Nov 18-20 Santa Clara Convention Show.

5001 Great America Parkway, Hrs: Fri: 10Am-6PM, Sat. 10AM-5PM. Info: Taryn Warecker, 803 962-0827. Email: scshow@exposunlimited.com Website: www.santaclaraexpo.com/ Admission \$6/\$3 s/y

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The Other Coin: Muslim Coins and Coins of the Ottoman Empire

Arabic coins are often considered too strange and uninteresting to collect. However, the early Islamic coins first imitated Byzantine coins in the 630's-700 AD and accepted iconography on their coins in the beginning and at other times until they mostly acceded to the no graven image commandment.



Earliest Muslim coins imitate Byzantine coins of Constans II and Heraclius. Arabic writing surrounds the Byzantine emperor and denomination M, naming the mint. Crosses, even the bust of Christ is often left on the coin.

Caliph Abd al-Malik 685-705AD replaced Constans II with himself on coins with a sword, rather than cross of numeral on the reverse. The



caliph also began making coins without images, which became the standard for Arabic coins.



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Now aniconographic, coins with just a lot of strange script can be daunting. Fortunately, Arabic coins generally had both the mint and date on the reverse with a prayer, toughra, or titles on the obverse. Furthermore, the date was almost always the year of ascension of a particular ruler and he maintained that date on all of his coins.



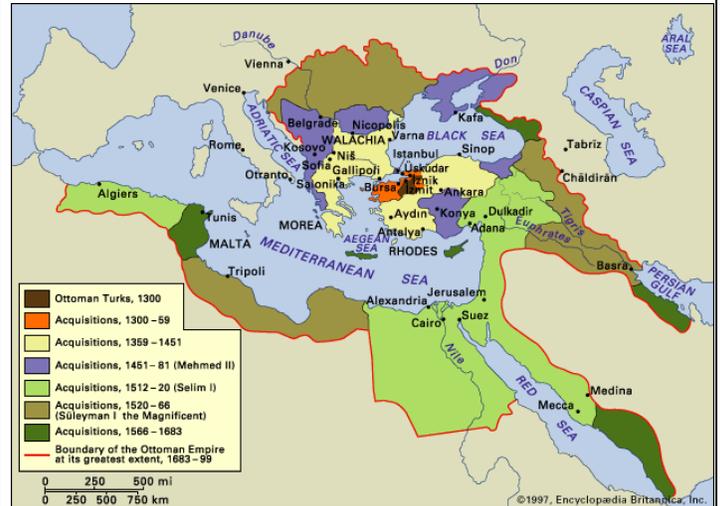
So on this coin of Suleiman I, we read on the obverse: Sultan Suleiman Shah, son of Selim Shah. On the reverse” May his victory be glorious” followed by the mint and date. Now a list of mints can be found on-line or in Krause’s world coins (especially 1600's volume), but all of that is relatively unimportant. You just need to find the numerals at the bottom that look like 9-something-4 and you will have the ascension date and know the ruler. Here are the Arabic numerals:

European	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Arabic-Indic	.	١	٢	٣	٤	٥	٦	٧	٨	٩
Eastern Arabic-Indic (Persian and Urdu)	.	١	٢	٣	٤	٥	٦	٧	٨	٩

Our date is 926. Now that’s 926 AH and the ruler could be looked up with the Muslim date, referring to Anno Hegira when Mohammed fled from Mecca to Medina in 622AD, which marks the beginning of the Muslim calendar. Krause and the internet offer conversion tables year by year, which makes Suleiman’s ascension date 1520. Knowing the size and flan of the various Muslim kingdoms and empires, all you need to do is find the date to figure out the ruler. You can get pretty good identifying coins this way, and even better with Richard Plant’s Arabic Coins and How to Read Them.

Ottoman Empire coins have become accessible not only as **they** pour into the US from Bulgaria, the Middle East, and North Africa, but also Coins of the

Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic by Jem Sultan has become readily available. The Ottoman



Empire (1287-1923) is the heir of the Roman Empire, wresting North Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe from the Byzantine or Eastern Roman Empire. One can watch the development, actually devastation, as orchards and grainfields become deserts, irrigation fails, a true Dark Age smotheres the heart of Western Civilization. The death of the Empire, including the first genocide in modern history of Armenian and Orthodox Christians by Muslims, also created the nation states that we are contending with today from North Africa, through the Middle East to Kosovo. It is almost obligatory to learn about the coins and history of the Ottoman Empire. For Further reading: Ottoman Centuries by Lord Kinross and Osman's Dream: The History of the Ottoman Empire by Caroline Finkel.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Note the toughra on this 10 para coin (see the 1. for 10?) The rest means para. The toughra or toughra is the cartouche of the ruling sultan, here Abdul Azziz 1861-1878.



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COINS Act Would Eliminate Dollar Bill, Replace with \$1 Coin

HR2977 "Currency Optimization, Innovation, and National Savings Act" has been introduced to remove the dollar bill in favor of the dollar coin. First the Susan B. Anthony dollar would be recalled and declared obsolete. Then, it would have to be determined when 600,000,000 gold dollars are available for circulation at which time or in 4 years, whichever happens first banks would no longer be able to replace dollar bills or order them. Both Susan B. Anthony dollars and dollar bills would remain legal tender. *About time I say- editors note*



25th Anniversary Silver Eagles October 27th

Only 100,000 of the five coin set will be minted and available to the public. Proof coins from Philadelphia and West Point along with uncirculated coins from San Francisco and West Point as well as a bullion coin without mint mark. The coins will be assembled in San Francisco. Price will be \$299.95. How can you resist?



Legends Coin Market's Laura Sperber Declares "The Generic Gold Coin Market was Crashed!"

Looking at several wholesale bids for 1932 \$10 NGC MS65 Indians, PCGS MS64 Saints, and MS64 \$2.5 Indians, she found having trouble selling for almost melt prices. She concluded there are no premiums on even nice generic US gold coins. She concludes the spot gold price is too high, the market is glutted, or maybe people are missing great deals.



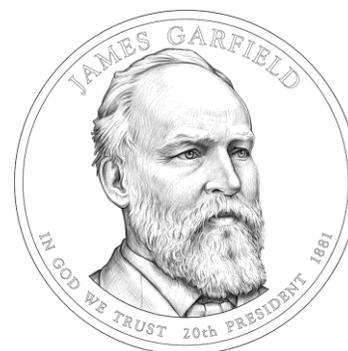
.....on the other hand

Top Commodities Says Silver is Poised for as much as 40% Rise in 2011-2012

Silver is expected to rise to \$50-55 in November 2011. Many small purchases in gold and silver are predicted as anything over \$599 will have to be reported to the IRS in 2012.

Garfield Dollar Debuts November 17th

The James Garfield dollar will be released November 17th. He served only 200 days after being shot and is one of the shortest serving presidents. Good looking bearded guy though.



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October DMPL (Deep Mirror Like Proof)

"Dimple" Morgan Dollars

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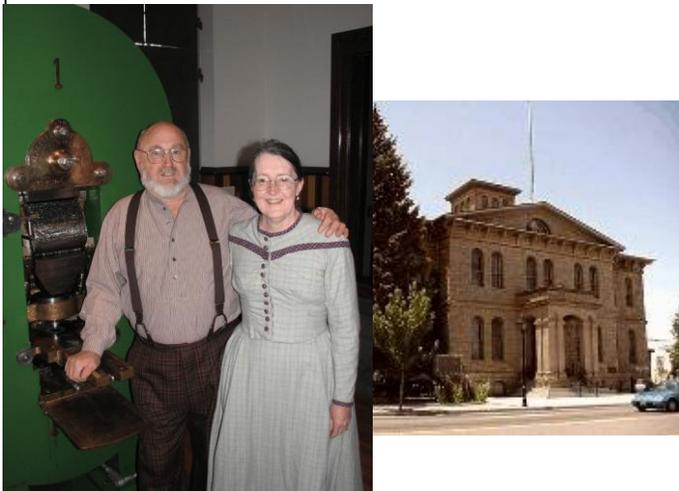
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Art Bonnel: 2004 mint set

George Francol: Wheat pennies

Dan Trabke: 1976 Mint set, 1974S proof penny, ancient coin replica, world coin book

Glenn Fruehen: American Bicentennial medal, George Washington dollars

Leo Russell: medals, Abe Lincoln Memorial medal, World Catalog of paper money

Rick de Avila: US digest coin book

William Gregory: Jefferson dollars

Larry Demangate: Alaska tokens book

Jack Gruhler: Nevada State coin

Bart Daniels: Virginia Culver coin, Money Clipper

Steve Podhurst: Ancient coin replica

Ken Hopple: World Coin Book

David Kasper: US Red Book

Quint Aninao: Gold and Silver book

Britney Gruhler: Guide to US Coins

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The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. Info: David Herr 530-885-9050 Admission \$2, 17 and under free.

Oct.8-9 Concord Diablo Numismatic Society
The Red Lion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave, off 680. Info: Bill Green, 925 351-7605, greenwj@aol.com Admission \$3.

Oct. 15-16 Stockton Delta Coin Club Show
Eagle's Hall , 1492 Bourbob Street. Info: Ruben Smith III 209 982-5961, rubensmith@hotmail.com Free Admission.

Oct. 22 Vallejo CSNA Northern California Annual Educational Symposium Vallejo Naval Museum, 734 Marin at Capial. 9AM Theme: "Building a Collection." Info: 707 246-6327.

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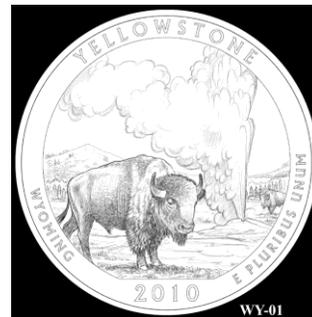
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Not The Other Coin: National Park Quarters

I sold out of the National Park Quarters at the Nevada State Museum Coin Show and can see that their popularity is increasing as more designs have animals and Civil War themes. Yosemite, Mount Hood, and the Grand Canyon were kind of blah and a fountain for Arkansas Hot Springs as the first coin was worse.



Yellowstone had a buffalo and geyser and made the nicest of the first years series.



The US Commission for Fine Arts (CFA) and the Citizens Coin Advisory Commission (CCAC) established in 2003 appear to have taken a more active interest in the National Park Coin Designs, wanting a more dramatic rendering of the National Parks. 2011 coins:



All have animals or Civil War themes, making them much more appealing. Big horn sheep, an elk, and birds over the Chicasaw Bridge are nice and the two Civil War coins with memorial and cannon and the iron clad ship came about the same time as the Lincoln, US Grant dollars.

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I will have the Iron Clad coin from Vicksburg at the October meeting:



Next year's coin promise to be equally dramatic and pleasing:



The 2012 Sacagawea dollar design is nice too:

Numismatically yours,
David Elliott



Big Changes for the Mint in 2013?

Deputy Mint Director Richard Peterson spoke on August 19 at ANA World Fair of Money announcing that he is expected to report on the state of American coinage, which is due for drastic change. It costs for more than a penny to make a penny, more than a nickel to make the nickel, whose metal content is worth about 6 cents (Thus it is illegal to export or melt the penny or nickel). No one wants the dollar or half dollar coins. there is probably need for a \$2 and \$5 dollar circulating coin. a report to Congress about all of this is due in early 2013.

It's True: Minters at the Philadelphia Mint are Making and Selling Error Coins!

The truth is out. This month a Philadelphia mint police officer pleaded guilty for selling error coins produced at the mint to a major coin dealer, gleaning \$2.4 million. The coins in questions were presidential dollar coins with blank edges, 10s of thousands were sold by the police officer for \$50-\$75 a piece. Found guilty he is liable for a \$250,000 fine and 10 years in jail. (Why do white collar criminals always pay ten cents on the dollar for their crimes if that?)

What is a DMPL Morgan Dollar?

What are the differences between Deep Mirror Proof-Like (DMPL), Prooflike, and Semi-Prooflike Morgans? Morgan Dollars are some of the most beautiful U.S. coins ever made, not only because of their design, but because of the quality of the strike on many of the coins, especially the earlier dates in the series. Such Morgan Dollars are called DMPL (Deep Mirror Proof-Like,) Prooflike (PL,) and Semi-Prooflike, (SPL.) But how do you tell the difference between DMPL, PL, and SPL Morgan Dollars?

There are a couple of ways to tell the difference between DMPL, PL, and SPL Morgan Dollars. The most common way, and probably the most reliable, is to hold the coin on its edge next to a page of printed matter (such as a newspaper) where you have marked off the inches with a ruler on the table.. You should have good light directed towards the coin (but not directly into the coin such that is reflecting.) Then, look into the

coin's mirrored surface and see how far down the scale you can clearly read the text.



DMPL Reflectivity Scale:

Here is the scale that denotes the proper designation for the coin, based on reflectivity:

Semi-Prooflike (SPL) - 1 to 2 inches, devices *must* be frosted

Prooflike (PL) - 2 to 4 inches of reflectivity

Deep Mirror Prooflike (DMPL) - More than 4 inches

Ultra Proof-like (UPL) - At least 8 inches

The designation of Ultra Prooflike is not in widespread use, and qualifying coins are fairly rare. The standard to qualify for UPL varies; some authorities say 12 inches of reflectivity should be the standard. It is important to remember that in order to qualify for the designations noted above, the *entire surface* must be mirrored, with no grayish areas or lost reflectivity due to variations in the mirror quality. Normal bag marks and scuffs are permissible. If only one side of the coin is Prooflike, the coin doesn't qualify unless the grading service offers separate designations for each side of the coin, and even then, usually the obverse must be the Prooflike side in order to count.

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Katie Gregory: copy of Alexander the Great coin, 2 buffalo nickels, Holabird coin book

Ed Scott: 2000 proof quarter,

Bart Daniels: roll of Canadian nickels

William Gregory: copy of Mark Anthony denarius

David Elliott copy Lysimachos coin, Holabird DVD

Ken Hopple: 2000 US mint set

Keith Gregory: MS 68 Connecticut quarter

Britney Gruhler: 1972S proof penny

Jack Gruhler: 1868 shield nickel

Bill Signer: 1979S proof penny

Ed Waselewski: World Paper money book

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Nevada State Museum, 600 N. Carson Street
Admission \$8 adults, children under 17 free. Info:
Deborah (775) 687-4810 ext. 237 or
dstevenson@nevadaculture.org

September 10, Merced Gateway Coin Club Show

Merced Senior Center, 755 West 15th St. Info: Bill
Brooks (209) 723-1535

September 18, Livermore Valley Coin Club Show

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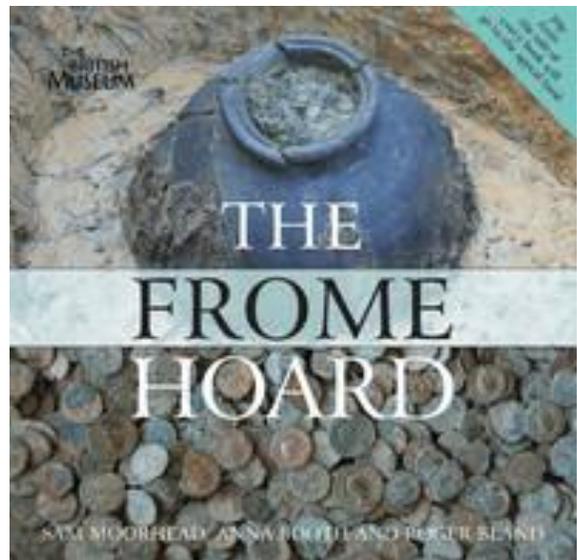
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The Other Coin: LRBs, Late Roman Bronzes

Late Roman Bronzes (LRB) are the most affordable way to collect Roman coins. In bulk they can still be purchased for under a dollar and xfine examples can be had for \$10 or less. There are some 187 designs of almost 60 different emperor's and their relatives. The coins are cheap and plentiful as they were minted at more than a dozen mints from England to Antioch and Alexandria.. Coins are being dug up by metal detectorists, often in hoards of thousands.



LRB began as part of Diocletian's (284-305) monetary reforms. Diocletian divided the Roman empire into the east and west, placing an augustus and a caesar under him, who was designated the augustus' successor. This was to end the wars of succession, plaguing Rome for almost a hundred years and better distribute the army to oppose the Persian/Parthians in the East and Celts/Germans in the North. His monetary reform was to replace the denarius, now debased to 3% silver or less with bronze coins ranging from 8mm to over 24mm with at first the largest being a follis and half follis as well as presumably a quarter follis, which either was followed by an 1/8 follis or the quarter follis just continued to shrink with ongoing inflation. Diocletian continued the gold aureus and the new silver argentus with renewed purity. Sound money improved the

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Diocletian follis with Moneta (Money) hold scales and cornucopia.

The monetary reforms worked although a silver wash was placed on the bronze coins, and Constantine replaced the aureus with the solidus and the argentus with the siliqua. The silver wash eventually disappeared (by wear and then manufacture) and the gold and silver coins remained pure silver and gold. The political unity of the empire continued after Constantine became augustus after his father's death and put down the remaining augusti and caesars becoming sole emperor, uniting the empire, but moving the capitol to Constantinople.

Constantinian coins include a wide variety of Constantine himself, including commemorative coins of Rome, Constantinople, his mother, wife, children, a bridge, and memorial coins. He also minted memorial coins of Claudius II and Maximian to whom he claimed relationship.



**Constantine: helmeted/ prisoners under a banner. diademed/ Zeus and eagle with Nike
Veiled in death/hand of God raising him up, chariot
Claudius II commemorative/seated on curule chair**

Some of the LRB's are pricey either because they belong to a short-lived usurper or have a rare design or mint. Constantine's nephew Hanniballianus, made governor of the East, is such a coin rare on all counts and still costs a \$100 dollars. A low mintage, brief ruling relative of Constantine. Euphrates is on the reverse.



Anastasius was last to mint LRB and reformed coinage in the Byzantine coinage with Greek letters as mint marks for huge to tiny bronze coins from 40 to 1 nummi (41mm to 7mm). The last several roman rulers minted small bronze coins as small as 7mm with a cross or monogram and ever cruder designs.



**Anastasius
491-518AD**

**Theodosius II
408-450AD**

LRBs are a great way to start and collect ancient coins. They are still inexpensive and plentiful. There's lots of information on-line. I like : http://www.tesorillo.com/aes/_rev/index3i.htm best. Numismatically Yours, David Elliott



I will have the Olympic quarter and Rutherford B. Hayes dollar at the next meeting in September.

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1933 Double Eagles Stolen!



PHILADELPHIA -- The U.S. government rightfully seized 10 of the world's most valuable gold coins from the family of a Philadelphia jeweler, a federal jury ruled Wednesday. The government seized the 1933 "Double Eagle" coins after the family of Israel Switt, a prominent jeweler in the 1930s, brought them to the U.S. Mint in 2005 for authentication. The government, which claimed the coins had been stolen, filed a civil forfeiture lawsuit in 2009.

"The people of the United States have been vindicated," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline Romero said after the verdict was read in Philadelphia. "This was government property that was stolen 70 years ago." The jury's verdict on the forfeiture claim allows the government to keep the coins for now. U.S. District Judge Legrome Davis will decide ownership at a later hearing.

The government minted almost \$500,000 of the \$20 coins in 1933, the year President Franklin D. Roosevelt took the U.S. off the gold standard. None of that year's coins entered circulation and all were ordered to be melted, according to the U.S. Mint. In 2002, a single Double Eagle sold for \$7.59 million at auction.

Barry Berke, an attorney for the Langbord family, declined to comment on the verdict. Joan Langbord, Switt's daughter, and her two sons sued in 2006 seeking to recover the coins, which were found in a family safe deposit box. The family had given the gold coins to Daniel Shaver, chief counsel for the U.S. Mint. Officials concluded that the coins were

authentic and were government property, according to court records. Davis ruled in 2009 that the U.S. had violated the Langbords' constitutional rights and should file a civil forfeiture lawsuit if it wanted to keep the coins.

The government has maintained that the coins, which are now kept at Fort Knox, Ky., were stolen. "Some of the most prominent coin dealers in the nation in 1933 and 1934 were trying to get their hands on 1933 Double Eagles. They just weren't available," Romero said. Switt was arrested for unlawfully possessing gold coins in 1934 and was interviewed by the U.S. Secret Service about the 1933 Double Eagles multiple times before his death in 1990. He claimed he had no more, the government said. The case is *Langbord v. U.S. Department of Treasury*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania **Star Spangled Coin Designs Chosen**

For the obverse of the gold \$5 coin, the panel urged an allegorical design featuring the figure Lady Liberty holding the 15-starred U.S. flag over Baltimore's Fort McHenry. For the reverse, the commission urged a combination of two designs, with the phrase *o say does that star spangled banner yet wave* over a fluttering image of the flag and, taken from another design, the placement of some of the required lettering, around the edge of the coin. For the obverse of the silver dollar, the commission endorsed the image of the privateer *Chasseur* under full sail with the lettering *war of 1812*. For the reverse, it urged an image of the billowing flag that inspired Key to write what in 1931 became the national anthem of the United States.



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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 2nd of August 7:30 PM

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August Gold Bullion, the Gold Nugget, and Gold Coins. Paul Williams will update us on the 100 oz. nugget sold at ANA World Fair of Money in Sacramento, where gold is going and whether our currency should be tied to gold.

September Ice Cream Social

Movie to be announced. Suggestions welcomed.

October Dimple Morgan Dollars

November Happy Birthday Nevada

Rusty King, Coins and Medal of Nevada

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Bring coins to trade and sell.

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Dan Waterman presents large cents.

At The Last Meeting

30 members were in attendance for Paul's William's presentation of gold and gold coins. He brought a number of coins and discussed the volatility of the gold markets as commodities prices increased as the dollar and other currencies decreased. The government's devaluation of the dollar as increased the prices of gold, oil and other commodities. Silver with gold over \$1600 (Now over \$1800) is not likely to be as good as an investment as silver, which is under valued right now.



Early Bird Prize was a 2006 Jefferson nickle first day cover won by William Gregory.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Larry Demangate 1952 quarter

Dan Trabke: 1938 nickle

Phil Shalitt Jefferson dollar, CC dollar holder

William Gregory: bicentennial half, 1978s proof penny, wolf medal

Ron Jahn: proof Virginia quarter, 2006 nickle 1st day cover

Garrett Allen: 1938 Buffalo nickle, 2006 mint set

Ken Hopple: 1989 mint set

David Elliott 1944s Merc. dime

Howard Buchler 1936 nickle

Britney Gruhler: 1976P quarter

Dan Waterman: 1956 quarter

Bart Daniels: Susan B. 1979 dollars, copy of Actium denarius

Jack Gruhler: Lincoln memorial coinage set in frame

David Kasper: coin holders

Rusty King: Red Book

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Auctions-No auctions

Paul Williams sold several copies of Ron Paul's Book and Western Americana catalog whose proceeds went to the Club. Thanks Paul!

The **quarter pot** of about \$6 was not won.

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The Other Coin: Coins of Alexander the Great

When Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire and beyond, he liberated thousands of tons of gold and silver bullion collected as taxes for hundreds of years by the Persian empire and stored in treasure vaults. This dispersal of bullion in coin enriched the entire Eastern Mediterranean as well as made coins of Alexander and his successors common, existing in the millions even today.



Gold stater
Athena/Nike

Alexander's coinage scattered across dozens of mints, including a raveling mint with the army, and his gold stater, silver tetradrachm, drachm and obol became the standard coinage for hundreds of years, except for Egypt where Ptolemy issued coinage in heavier weights, tariffing the rest of the coinage.



Silver
tetradrachm
Heracles with
lion headdress/
Zeus enthroned

The silver coinage is the most abundant as silver coinage was used to pay soldiers. There is a controversy about whether the Heracles is Alexander, bears his profile, or is simply Heracles, an ancestor of Alexander (along with Achilles and Zeus). It appears that coins of Babylon mint (under the throne mint mark) have during his lifetime a nose that is bent in the middle. Alexander had a broken nose from his boxing days and such coins are likely his actual image.

The bronze coins have the image of Heracles on one side and an eagle, bow case and club, or bow case and bow.

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The successor of Alexander (Various generals who fought and divided his empire) depicted Alexander on several coins in addition to continuing the Heracles, Zeus enthroned coins in various denominations as the standard coinage.



Alexander is depicted with an elephant's headdress by Ptolemy and with the horn of Ammon by Lysimachus.

Alexander also had minted coins to commemorate particular battles to be given to those that did outstanding service in the campaign. These rare coins are most notable from the Indian campaign and have elephants, himself standing as Zeus and charging Poros on his elephant.



Alexander is again in the news as the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford got 500 pieces from the Vergina Museum to commemorate the Ashmolean's reopening. Although is still some debate, the tombs are most like of Philip II (father of Alexander), one of his wives—Kleopatra Eurydike and infant son. Alexander's half brother Arrhidaios, who ruled as Philip III with his niece and consort Hadea Eurydike as he was half-witted. Both were murdered by Olympias, Alexander's mother. Finally in the third tomb is likely Alexander IV, a young teenager, son of Alexander and Roxanne. these two as well as Olympias were slain by Kassandros, a general of Alexander, who ruled in Macedonia and buried Alexander's family next to his father's grave. It is likely that the armor, shield, and other accouterments are from Alexander himself, traveling from Babylon to Macedonia with Arrhidaios.



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The iron helmet and armor are almost certainly Alexander's as bronze armor was much more common and Alexander was known to wear iron armor. In addition, he bore a shield of Achilles and the above shield depicts Achilles conquering an Amazon. The hunting scene depicted in the tomb is also likely to an image of Alexander in his youth.



This in turn raises the question of whether the most common bronze of Philip II with the youth and mounted warrior of the reverse is also depicting Alexander. Alexander did continue the design on some of his early coins. I will be bringing the Catalog of the Ashmolean Museum, Heracles to Alexander the Great. There are a great many more pictures of the tombs at <http://people.clemson.edu/~elizab/aegae.htm>

Alexander's numismatic legacy is one of the most intriguing and available coinages of the ancient world. The coins of his father and successors are also common for the most part. Fine bronzes can easily be bought for under \$20 and small silver coins for \$40. Even the tetradrachm can be found for a \$100, although extra fine ones will command several hundred dollars and perfect specimens a thousand or more.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Federal Reserve Vaults Hits \$1 Billion in Unwanted \$1 Coins

At the cost of \$300 million to manufacture and millions more to store, the Federal Reserve Vaults have been stuffed with the presidential and Sacagawea \$1 coins. The government will continue to produce them until 2016. There could easily be 2 billion coins by that time. Leslie Page of Citizens Against Government Waste says the government should withdraw the dollar bill from the market. A dollar bill will last 3-4 years and a coin more than 30 years. In addition as prices rise, machines requiring coins will need too many quarters to comfortably carry.

Congress was aware that the dollar coin would not be widely accepted until the dollar bill was pulled from circulation. Nevertheless, they felt it was too explosive an issue along with telling the populace what light bulb to buy, car to drive, toilet to put in their house, etc. Undeterred with one boondoggle, they created another when they let individuals order coins from the mint free of shipping charges. This allowed thousands and thousands of people to get cash with their credit card by ordering the coins and then redepositing them at the bank. Several cards gave frequent flier mileage points for these orders which reached as high as 100-140 thousand coins a month. Just one more example of government incompetence as we wait for them to figure out they can't spend twice as much as the take in or refuse to pay their debts.



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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 5th of July 7:30 PM

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July Coins of Cyprus

Coins of Cyprus from 7th century BC to present.

August Proof and DMPL Morgan Dollars Cyprus Tentative.

September Ice Cream Social

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Fred Holabird (tentative)

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Dan Waterman presents large cents.

At The Last Meeting

25 members and 2 guests for My Favorite Coin night with Civil War restrikes, Russian World War 2 set, Weimar inflation coins, complete NV 1964 set. In addition Britney Gruhler was awarded the ANA club medal for Best Young Numismatist for her poem (see below).



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Dan Trabke: set steel pennies

Jerry Breedlove: 1928 \$2

Ken Hopple: 1912 V nickle

Steve Podhurst: History of presidential coins, proof 1990D quarter.

Rusty King: 1979 mint set

Bart Daniels 2005 1st day cover nickle, coin holders

Jack Gruhler: Proof Washington dollar, 1930D penny, JFK coin, Brasher doubloon puzzle

Britney Gruhler 1932 \$2 bill, proof 1971S penny, 1911 V nickle

Ed Waslewski: horseshoe penny

Auctions

1978 MGM Casino coin won by Quint Aninao for \$21

Jack Gruhler **WON** the **quarter pot** of about \$30.

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Coins

by

Brittany Gruhler

Gold, silver, copper, clad...

It doesn't matter, they won't make me mad.

Shiny, dull, rusted, scratched...

I could spend all day with my perfect match.

You should try collecting; go ahead.

Some coins look like they're made of lead.

Quarter, nickel, penny, dime...

I love them all--even covered in grime

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Cypriot coins span the whole history of numismatics from the earliest Persian times through Greek, Ptolemaic, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, Venetian, British colonial, independence, and occupation by Turkey in 1974. Cyprus, Kypros

(ΚΥΠΡΟΣ) in Greek gave us the name copper. Cyprus has been a major source of copper from Neolithic times to the present. It was the major source for ancient Egypt, the Near East, and the Aegean. Bronze age shipwrecks have yielded the famous oxhide copper plates, weighing from 44 to 64 pounds.



Lydians created and introduced coinage in the late 7th BC century, which was quickly adopted by their trading partners the Ionian Greeks and Cyprus. The Persians adopted coinage and conquered Lydia, defeating Croesus, the inventor of modern coinage, in the mid 6th century BC. Persian coinage is the earliest coinage of Cyprus initiated in the 7th century BC.



c.610BC dolphin/incuse punch
Baalmelek II, 425-400BC (above)
Melqart advances/lion attacks stag

Greek migrants and traders developed city-states in Cyprus from the Bronze Age and struggled against the Assyrians and Persians, briefly gaining independence under King Evagoras (411-374BC) and finally gaining independence entirely when Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire.



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Alexander's general Ptolemy conquered Cyprus for Egypt, and Cyprus became a major source of wealth and copper for the Ptolemies, until wrested from Egypt the Caesar Augustus when he defeated Anthony and Cleopatra in 30BC.



coin of Cleopatra above coin of Caesar Augustus right and coin of Alexander the Great on top—all minted in Cyprus

The Romans continued to worship Aphrodite, they identified with Venus in the old temple at Paphos, which had been dedicated to Ishtar of the Persians, Astarte of the Phoenicians and the Neolithic mother goddess. The cult idol is depicted on Ptolemaic coins and the temple is found on a Roman coin of Caracalla.



The Eastern Roman Empire ruled Cyprus from 330-1192, continuing copper production and Mediterranean trade. Vineyards, silk production, and monasteries dotted the island. Richard the Lion Hearted conquered the island from the Byzantine governor, using it as a base of operation for the Crusades, and selling the island to the Knight Templars when he became King of England.



Follis of Heraclius, stands with wife and son/ large M=40 nummi, anno X411, note mint KYTP

The Crusaders under the Franks maintained control of the Island until 1489, making Cyprus one of the richest trading empires in the Middle Ages. Competing with Venice, the last queen of Cyprus cedes the island to her trading rivals in 1489; the Venetians maintain the rampant lion of the Lusignan Franks and the crusader cross on the reverse.

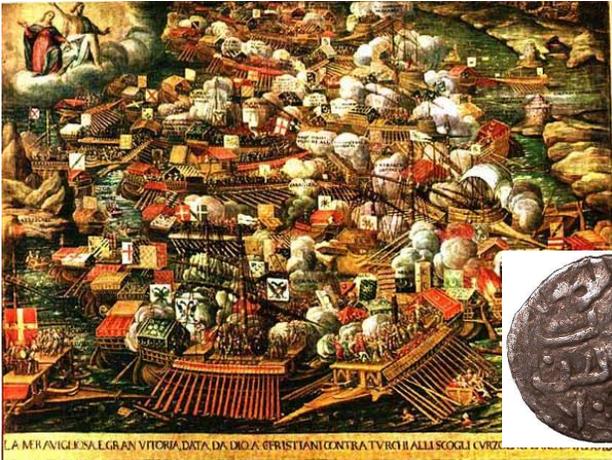


James I, 1382-1398; Geraloma Brioli 1559-1567

In 1571, it is said that the besotted Selim II "the drunkard," briefly left the harem to order the invasion of Cyprus to secure the source of his favorite wine. Whole cities were massacred; Catholics were given the choice of converting or being tortured to death. The united fleets of Venice, Spain, and the Papacy destroyed the Ottoman fleet at Lepanto, but Cyprus was lost. The Orthodox population saw themselves as liberated from serfdom and the Papacy, but the Orthodox survived only to be slaughtered in 1821

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when Greece revolted. The richest medieval kingdom became a wasteland as had much of the rest of the Eastern Roman Empire.



Battle of Lepanto; akce Ahmed I, AH1012=1603

The expanding British Empire set its sights on the Suez Canal and Egypt, acquiring Cyprus in 1878 almost as an afterthought. After WWII, Britain reluctantly granted Cyprus independence in 1960.



Queen Victoria (top) and a copy of an ancient coin with Europa on a coin of independent Cyprus.

In 1974 Turkey invaded Cyprus and has occupied the northern part of the island ever since. They minted coins of Northern Cyprus, one of which features Selim II, who conquered the island in 1571.



This did not prevent Cyprus from entering the European Union in 2004 and issuing euros in 2008.



Cyprus euros with goats, galleys, and an ancient mother goddess.



Bonhams & Butterfields announces its sale on September 4, 2011 of gold coins from the Estate of Hellen and Charles Mapes of Reno, NV. The eponymous Collection, once owned by the famed hotel and casino mogul Charles Mapes, includes a rarely seen, high grade 1870-CC Liberty Double Eagle coin. It is the rarest of all CC gold coinage. Paul Song of Bonhams & Butterfields estimated the high-grade 1870-CC Liberty Double Eagle coin is conservatively worth \$150,000 to \$180,000.

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Tuesday, 7th of June 7:30 PM

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June My favorite coin

Bring an old or new favorite coin to share

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At The Last Meeting

35 members attended and Fred Holabird discussed the discovery of the 100 ounce gold nugget that he recently sold for \$460,000. It is one of the largest known and may be one of the largest existing from the California gold fields. He discussed the different types of nuggets, exploring some of the old gold mines as well as the production of the Comstock. He had to silver bars presented to George Ford and other engineers of the Comstock that will be in his next Western Americana auction. He discussed the importance of having auctioneers market your valuable to get the best price and just how much the marketing cost.

Several people volunteered to help the ticket taking at the coin show this weekend. Please talk up the shows and attend. Shows are the best place to sell items as you can get offers from all the dealers at the show. There is also a good chance someone will have something you are looking for the club will have its table with free coins for kids, our 25th anniversary medal, and ancient and US coin displays.



Early Bird Prize was a Lewis and Clark first day issue cover and nickel won by Jeff Allen.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick DeAvilla: 1832 large cent

Bert Daniels: 1890 \$1000 gold plated treasury note

Britney Gruhler 1932 \$2 bill

Mike Murphy: 1944 dime

Paul Williams 1972S proof penny

Ed Scott 1st day buffalo nickle cover, roll 2010 shield pennies

Ken Hopple: roll 2009 capitol pennies

Jack Gruhler **WON** the **quarter pot** of about \$30.

Auctions

1942 half donated by Paul Williams(?) was won by Andre Azzam for \$21

1936D xf quarter donated by a friend of David Elliott's was won for \$38

Someone (not present) won the **quarter pot** of about \$30.

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May 21-22 Reno Coin Show

AJ and Dan Waterman, Lawlor Events Center Western Americana and Coin Show. This year's show is May 21, 10-5 and 22, 10 AM to 3 PM Sunday. Lawlor Events is on the north end of the University of Nevada, Reno on N. Virginia St. 25 dealers, free appraisals. \$2 admission for all day. Reno Coin Club Members are free with badge.

We need ticket takers and club table volunteers.

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The Other Coin: Notgeld

Notgeld or "not money" is German "emergency money" or "necessity money" that was special money issued primarily in Germany and Austria to deal with economic crises such as a shortage of copper and silver during world War I and the hyperinflation that followed due to the war indemnity, roughly 1914-1924. Neither the coins nor the paper notes were issued by the central bank (Reichsbank), but by various other institutions, e.g. town savings banks, municipalities, private and state-owned firms. It was therefore not legal tender, but rather a mutually-accepted substitution for small change.

I want to discuss the coins, but the notes are varied and colorful and a wonderful hobby. Most of the Notgeld was issued in the form of (paper) banknotes as any metal became worth more as metal than small change during the period of hyper inflation. There are some 1000 mark coins replacing 25 pfennig coins, often in the same style, but small change soon was denominated in millions, 10s of millions, and finally 100s of millions and even billions of marks. Various forms of small change included: aluminum, iron, zinc, leather, silk, linen, stamps, aluminum foil, coal, and porcelain, and even re-used paper and carton material (e.g. playing cards). These pieces made from playing cards are extremely rare and are known as "Spielkarten", the German word for "playing card".



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The first large issue of Notgeld started at the outbreak of World War I. due to inflation caused by the cost of the war. The value of the copper, bronze, nickel, or silver that a coin was minted from was higher than the value of its denomination and needed for the production of war material. Everyone started to hoard copper and silver coins. This caused a massive shortage of metal for coinage, which was remedied by issuing banknotes in small denominations or non-traditional metals of iron, zinc and aluminum.



As these banknotes were very colorful, they soon became a target for collectors. As the issuing bodies realized this demand, they continued to issue these notes beyond their economic necessity up till 1922. Quite often the validity period of the note had already expired when the notgeld was issued. The sets that were issued in 1920 and predominantly in 1921 were usually extremely colorful and depicted many things, such as local buildings, local scenes and local folklore/tales. These sets (that were not actually issued to go into circulation) were known as "Serianscheine" (serial paper money). In 1922 inflation started to get out of control in Germany, leading to the German hyperinflation. Until 1923, the value of the mark deteriorated faster and faster and new money in higher denominations was issued constantly. The central bank could not cope with the logistics of providing the necessary supply of money, and Notgeld (Papiermark) was issued again, this time in denominations of thousands, millions and billions of Marks. By 1924 coins in even zinc, iron, and aluminum were no longer made as their metal once again became more valuable than small change. Because the Mark became so unstable, Notgeld was also issued in the form of commodities or other currencies: wheat, rye, sugar, coal, wood, natural gas, electricity, gold, or US dollars.

These pieces were known as 'Wertbeständige' or notes of 'fixed value'. *(I can't help but add that we are seeing the beginning of the same problem with the inflation of our own currency as commodities like gold, oil, gas, and food have an inflation rate of 10% or more as we dump trillions of dollars of paper money through "quantitative easing" and deficit spending.)*



The Austrians devalued their money from a thousand schillings (dollars) to 10 groschen (cents) in 1925. Imagine your savings or pensions (401k) suddenly being worth 10 cents for every thousand dollars. Such inflation has roared through Africa, Eastern Europe, Russia, Turkey, appears to be on the verge in Ireland, Greece, and appears to be the policy of our current administration.

There are thousands of notgeld coins issued in zinc, iron, and aluminum as well as porcelain, wood, and other materials. The catalogs are still in German, but there is a checklist in English by Courtney L. Coffing, Guide & Checklist World Notgeld 1914-1947 and a fairly extensive check list on line at www.joelscoins.com/notgeld/notgeldger1.htm The standard catalog is still Walter Funck: Die Notmünzen der deutschen Städte, 1916-1921 for coins. The paper Money is in 10 volumes by a variety of authors, also in German..

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

2011 National Coin Week Club Trivia Challenge

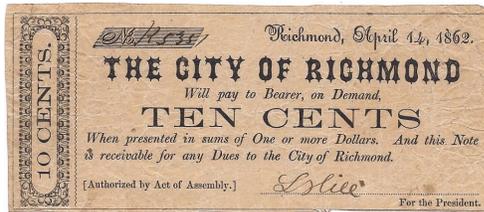
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“Good for a scent 1963”



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\$10



3. In which state was the first issue of Confederate States of America paper money printed and what was its denomination?

Montgomery Alabama \$1000



4. List ten Union generals and admirals who have been portrayed on United States paper money
 Ulysses S. Grant Gen. Hancock Gen. Sheridan
 Gen. McPherson Gen. Thomas Gen. Meade
 Com. Farragut Gen. Andrew Jackson Gen. Scott
 Gen. Washington

5. What United States Mints did the Confederacy capture during the Civil War?

New Orleans, Dahlonega, Charlotte

6. What was the name given to merchants who catered to soldiers in the field or at posts during the war?
 Sutlers

7. Which of the slogans were NOT considered to be put on the 1864 two-cent piece?
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 Warren G. Harding

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 Clark and Gruber and Company

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 Medal of honor

12. Three types of United States currency were produced that bore interest, and two were produced during the Civil War. Name them.
 Interest bearing Treasury notes 1812-1861, 1862 Legal Tender \$10,000, 1879 Refunding certificate

13. Not including restrikes, how many Confederate States of America half-dollar coins were minted?
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14. What money was found in President Lincoln's pocket when he was assassinated?
 \$5 Confederate note

15. One month before the end of the war in 1865, Confederate Major Sidney Alroy Jones penned a poem some say was written on the back of a Confederate \$500 note. The poem became a symbol of the "Lost Cause" movement, and was featured, along with several Confederate notes, on plaques. What was the name of this famous poem?
 "Lines on a Confederate note."

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May 2011

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 3rd of May 7:30 PM
Carrow's Restaurant
605 N. Wells Avenue (Wells and 6th), Reno, NV

May Fred Holabird Live!

Fred Holabird of Holabird-Kagin Americana will present highlights from his last 2 auctions including the 100 ounce gold nugget found last year in California. He will also share his expertise on what is going on with the price of gold. New dollars including the new Sacagawea dollar will be available at face value and the National Park quarters will be available at 6 for \$2.50 including the Glacier Park quarter. We will also be answering the ANA National Coin Week club Challenge Trivia questions(below).

June My favorite coin
Bring an old or new favorite coin to share

July Coins of Cyprus
Coins of Cyprus of 7th century BC to present.

At The Last Meeting

34 members attended and Rusty King presented David Elliott with June Black Life Member #11 award. He got me as he talked about giving it to Duke Morin all month. Thanks everyone. David Elliott presented the ANA National Coin Week material on Civil War Coinage. Paper became legal tender for the first time, war bond became the way to pay for wars, cheap bronze replaced copper, nickel replaced silver, and In God We Trust was placed on coins among the numerous other changes the War brought to our currency. The Trivia contest below was passed out to all members present. We will pool our answer and try to win a Stone Mountain Commemorative half Dollar from the ANA.



Early Bird Prize was a Lewis and Clark first day issue cover and nickel won by Bob Wagner

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick DeAvilla: Carson city mint Bag
Ed Waselewski: 1891 dime
Jerry Breedlove: 1857 3 cents
Bart Daniels: Proof set 1977, 2004 nickel 1st day of issue
Ken Hopple: 1986 half
Rusty King: \$1 silver certificate
Karen Sanguinetti: 1937 nickel
Jack Gruhler: 2006 nickel, 1900 nickel, 1972 Colorado medal
Glen Fruehan V nickel

Auctions

A 1963 half donated by Paul Williams was won by Rick deAvilla
1936 half donated by Paul Williams was won by Jerry Breedlove
1991 Silver eagle donated by Larry Demangate was won by Paul Williams

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Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Friday May 6 10-6PM and Saturday May 7, 9AM-4PM, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Admission \$2, under 18 Free Info:916 996-8144, www.sacvalcc.org

May 14-15

Downtown Coin Club Annual Show, Carson City, Admission \$2, Carson City Nugget, 10-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Dan Wilson 883-4653, downtowncoin@gmail.com

May 21-22 Reno Coin Show

AJ and Dan Waterman, Lawlor Events Center Western Americana and Coin Show. This year's show is May 21, 10-5 and 22, 10 AM to 3 PM Sunday. Lawlor Events is on the north end of the University of Nevada, Reno on N. Virginia St. 25 dealers, free appraisals. \$2 admission for all day. Reno Coin Club Members are free with badge.

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The Other Coin: Copper Bullion?

The recent acquisition of an Antonius Pius copper drachma of 33mm and 20.3g of Alexandria, Egypt, brought to mind several other attempts to make pennies and nickels worth their weight in copper. It is unclear if the double thick chalkoi of 4th century Thrace were an attempt to do this, but there is no doubt that copper and gold rich Egypt under the Ptolemies made huge copper coins to serve as equivalents to their silver counterparts. Coins of 46mm and 90.1g are fairly common and it is speculated that there were coins weighing as much as 96g—a octodrachma worth of copper, probably measuring around 50mm. My 33mm, 33.93g Ptolemy IV coin would be worth about the value of the Ptolemy I half drachma (15mm, 2.3g), one of the earliest coins to portray Alexander the Great. Similarly, the Emperor Antonius Pius (138-161AD) copper drachma was worth about the same as a silver quinarius, 1.9g, 14mm.



Antonius Pius drachma, Roman quinarius



Ptolemy half drachma in copper and silver. Silver coin enlarged: Alexander in elephant headdress.

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The 18th and 19th century found several more attempts to monetize copper by weight. Empresses Elizabeth and Catherine the Great created a 5 kopeck piece created a 42mm, 51g copper coin. Following their lead the US created the large cent of about 29mm and 10.89g, making the half dime of 15.5mm and 1.24 grams the silver equivalent. That is 54.45 grams of copper equaled 1.24 grams of silver. The British under William IV(1830-1837) created the “cartwheel” penny of 34mm and 18.85 grams to equate with the silver penny of 11mm and .5 grams.



Empress Elizabeth's copper and silver 5 kopecks.



5 US Large Cents equaled the tiny half dime.



Same half daler with encased Euro coin about the size of a quarter.

The winner of the copper bullion sweepstakes is Sweden. Silver poor and copper rich, Sweden created “plate money” from 1664 to 1776 weighing up to 44 pounds and measuring 13 by 15 inches. The coins were issues in the giant 10 daler size equal to about 3.3 silver dollars and also the 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, and 4 daler plates. So unpopular were these monstrosities that not even bank robbers would haul them off.

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Newest Coins of 2011:



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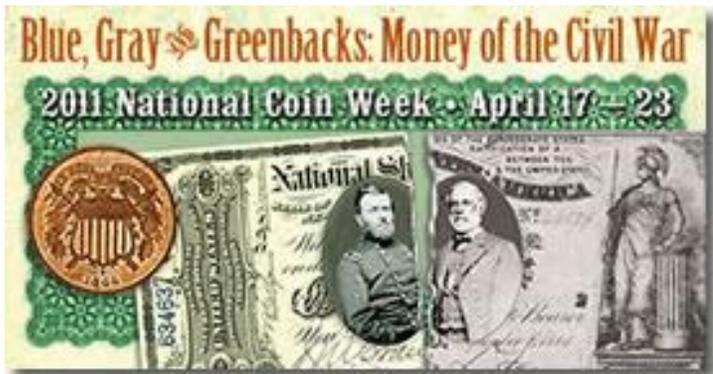


US Mint Sales: American Eagle Bullion Coins Take Lead

American Eagle bullion coins took center stage in the latest batch of US Mint sales figures. Their week-over-week sales levels improved for all but one offering.

"Seventeen US Mint numismatic products also outperformed their prior weekly gains, but the general sales trend for most collector coins and sets was down. Several were actually yanked back, registering lower totals than a week ago.

The one-quarter ounce American Gold Eagle remained unchanged at 38,000 for the year. It was the only American Eagle bullion coin which failed to rally higher. American Silver Eagles were coveted the most. They enjoyed a weekly US Mint sales increase of 697,500 against the previous 652,500. More impressively, their year-to-date sales topped the 12 million milestone



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Ken Hopple: 1865 V nickel

Bart Daniels: Israel coins, 2004D proof nickel, 1996 MS68 quarter, 2004 P nickel

Jeff Allen 1988S silver dime, 1971S penny

Rudy Prisco: 1922D penny

Garrett Allen 1961 dime

Ralph Marrone 1833 Large cent

Ed Scott: William Harrison medal, hunting medal

Jack Gruhler: 1/4 oz silver bar

Brittany Grueler: Lincoln medal

Jerry Breedlove: hunting medal

Auctions

A huge copper penny 1909 VBD was bought by Bart Daniels for \$10

1866 shield nickel won by Jerry Breedlove for \$20

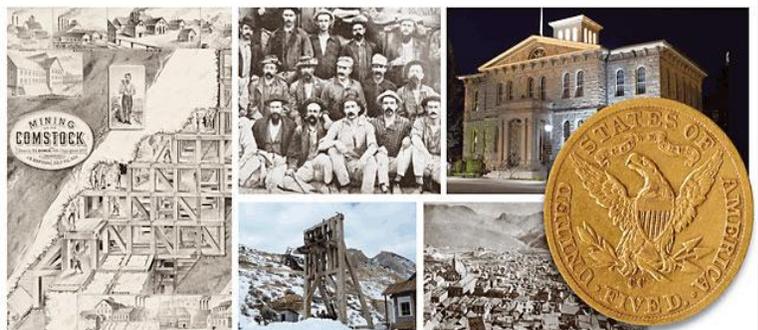
Jerry also bought the 20th anniversary club medal for \$60, \$30 to club, \$30 to Doug Larson

Paul Williams donated 4 Ron Paul History of Currency books—all sold for \$20 and donated to the club.

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The Other Coin: Going Internet, part 2

The **LaVere Redfield** sight is up with pages of newspaper clippings and articles. You can add your story by sending me the story by mail, e-mail, or best of all blog on the LaVere Redfield sight on Facebook. In addition, the Greek gods and coins pages are up with all the Olympian gods and also Heracles and 12 labors, Europa, and Eros. All the articles I have are on the website and indexed by topic. Paul William thinks he has some more older *Cartwheels* that I hope to get up as well. Finally, I have figured out how to put the videos on site with the notes, but it will be a slow, time consuming process. In the meantime, all of them are on Youtube as noted last month's newsletter. I had to divide the movie on Bactrian Gold into Bactrian Gold and Alexander and Bactrian to Kushan Coins.

I am getting the newsletter out early, since I just got back from the Star Trek Convention in San Francisco and plan to go to the ANA Show next weekend. Hopefully, I'll get some treasures at the show.

In the meantime, I thought I would expand on my appreciation for the 1st Spouse bronze medal series that reproduces the gold 1/10 oz. coins' images in large format, almost silver dollar size. In addition to nice bust and heads of the president's spouse, there is a nice engraving of the spouses interests and accomplishments on the back, and when the president does not have a spouse, the current liberty on coins is reproduced as the obverse with a scene from the presidents life on the reverse. These coins have been selling for \$3.95 or \$13 for the set from the mint. They seem to be to be both interesting and in-expensive.



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Ancient Coins in American History

During a search in 1992 for the US space capsule, *Liberty Bell 7*, which sank in a sea test with space pilot Gus Grissom, who almost died. While searching for the space capsule, an unidentified anomaly at a depth of 16,300 feet turned out not to be the space capsule, but a wooden sailing ship. Exploring the wreckage with a robot arm, salvors discovered a chest containing more than 1300 pieces-of-eight and a small ornate box containing gold coins that had been wrapped in a newspaper dated August 6, 1809. Among the gold coins was Brutus issued stater, which depicts him standing with two of his lectors, when he was Roman consul in Thrace in the mid-1st century BC. The reverse shows an eagle holding a wreath in its clawed foot.



Collecting ancient coins was a popular past time among the Founding Fathers, who looked to Republican Rome as described by the ancient authors and Gibbons. Many of the founding fathers has some coins, but President John Quincy Adams had a huge collection, which is still circulating on e-bay and auction houses. I recently got a nice Seleucid coin of Antiochus VI, which was one of the many small bronzes donated to the Boston Library and sold as "John Adams pocket change." They come up quite often for \$40 or less and are a nice piece of ancient and American history.



United States Wasn't First to Use 'In God We Trust' Motto

By Alan Herbert, *Coins Magazine*

The motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" has over the years become seemingly an automatic adjunct of our coinage. It is not without controversy, oddly in both directions. New collectors are aghast when they find a coin without the motto, while even a president directed its removal. I've assembled a few of the conceptions and misconceptions surrounding it.

The precedent for the use of the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST"

on our paper money and coins came when the Continental Congress authorized "DEUS REGNAT EXULTET TERRA," ("God Reigns, let the World Rejoice"). One of the first religious mottoes was "IN GOD IS OUR TRUST," which appeared on the \$100 Interest Bearing Note of March 3, 1863. It's part of a line from one of the later stanzas of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The religious motto was not a legal requirement until the 1950s. Even then, laws for new coins could opt out of its use. In several instances among our commemorative coins the motto would have cluttered an already jammed-up design.

Although the motto has been missing from several commemoratives, it was the gold \$10 and \$20 coins that attracted the most attention. President Theodore Roosevelt did not want "IN GOD WE TRUST" on our coinage. He had it dropped in 1907, pointing out there was no law requiring it, and in a letter to a William Boldly he said, "My own feeling in the matter is due to my very firm conviction that to put such a motto on coins, or to use it in any kindred manner, not only does no good but does positive harm, and is in effect irreverence which comes dangerously close to sacrilege." An Act of Congress restored it to late 1908 production.

The minister who proposed a religious motto prevailed. Rev. Mark Richards Watkinson of Pennsylvania, wrote Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase, in 1861, suggesting "GOD, LIBERTY, LAW." Chase agreed to the idea, but it was not made law until July 11, 1955.

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There was a lot of public outcry when the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" was omitted from the 1907 gold \$10s and gold \$20s, but there was similar problem when the motto was first introduced. It may come as a surprise to learn that Chase took a lot of heat in 1864 when he had the motto placed on the new two-cent piece. It was inspired by the religious fervor surrounding the events of the Civil War, but many of the people in the North felt that it had no place on our coinage.

We don't have a lock on the motto as it, or variations, appear on the coins of several other countries. The Netherlands Antilles 25 gulden of 1973 carries the words "DIOS KU NOS," which translates to "IN GOD WE TRUST." Nicaragua has used the slogan on most of its larger modern coins. It is written in Spanish, "En Dios Confiamos," which translates literally to "In God We Trust." Numerous other countries use a similar motto.

Our paper money has added to the confusion because the series date on our notes does not indicate the year they were produced. This leads to frequent questions from collectors unfamiliar with the situation. The motto first appeared on our paper money on the 1886 \$5 Silver Certificates. The backs of the notes carry five Morgan dollars, four reverses and one obverse, with the 1886 date. Clearly visible on the engraving of the coins is the motto, with TRUST spelled as TRAST on the reverse. The official date for the motto is in the middle of the 1935-G series \$1 Silver Certificates, printed in 1957.



Rediscover Gold at the ANA Sacramento National Money Show, March 17-19

In 1999, the ANA National Money Show in Sacramento set the standard for ANA spring conventions, attracting nearly 10,000 visitors in three days. The 2011 show should be even better with the ANA's signature Museum Showcase, featuring exhibits from the ANA Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and rarities from private collections. With more than 500 of the country's best coin dealers, a wide array of educational programs, family activities, plus special exhibits from ANA members and the United States Mint, there's something for everyone - regardless of their collecting experience or interests. **The Idler/Bebee Type III Specimen 1804 Dollar**, dubbed "The King of U.S. Coins." There are three classes of 1804 dollars, depending on when they were struck. Type I specimens were struck in 1834-5 as diplomatic gifts (8 known). The type II (unique) and III specimens (6 known) were struck during the 1850s for collectors.

"Money of the Gold Rush," displayed courtesy of Holabird-Kagin Americana, explores how gold developed in the Old West from dust to gold exchange notes and includes a recently discovered 100-ounce gold nugget - the largest verifiable California nugget in existence.

"Presidential Time Capsules" displays the autograph of every United States President from Washington to Carter, together with vintage coins that circulated during their administrations.

"California National Bank Notes" includes a wide selection of paper money from 1863-1935, including notes issued from National Banks in Sacramento, Long Beach, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The McDermott/Bebee Specimen 1913 Liberty Head V" Nickel, one of five known. Struck under mysterious circumstances at the Philadelphia Mint, the nickels became famous nationwide in the 1930s by legendary Fort Worth coin dealer, B. Max Mehl, who widely advertised to buy them for \$50 each.

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Rusty King: 1910S penny
Ken Hopple: 1926 S penny, 1919 Canadian coin
Quince Aninao: Large print Red Book
Bart Daniels: roll of pennies, 1935S nickle
Rudy Prisco: Gem proof set of coins, How to collect coins

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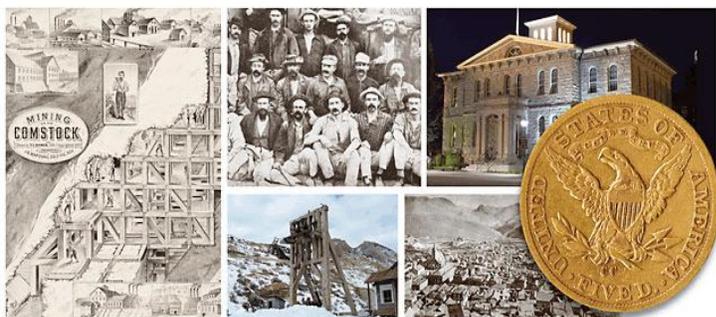
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Paul Williams has agreed to fill Duke Morin's last year as a director. Thanks Paul.

The Other Coin: Going Internet

The Reno Coin Club is going on line. The website is up and running and will be updated monthly. Eventually many more photos will be added. Please e-mail or mail me any photos to add. The newsletter is on Facebook under Cartwheel. There are all last year's Cartwheels in full and most of my articles back to 2007. Paul Williams will be bringing me his and Dan Waterman's Cartwheels, which will be added on Facebook as Cartwheel Archives. It will be possible, but time consuming to transfer to html, but someday. In reverse order on Facebook "Cartwheel" (meaning the first article on the list is on the bottom of last page):

- Jewish Coins: Jewish Kingdom
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- National Coin Week at the State Museum
- Atlantis, Europa, and the First Coins of Europe
- My Favorite Coins: How I started Collecting Ancients
- The Coins of Lost Christianities
- Sogdiana: History through Coins
- Atlantis, Europa, and the First Coins of Europe (yes, twice)
- Ancient India, part 2
- Ancient India, part 3
- English Coins
- Minting the Reno Coin Club 25th Anniversary Medal

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Smashed Pennies

A cigar box of coins

Coins of Bulgaria: From Ancient to modern

Coins of Syracuse (yes, twice)

A Brief History of the Cast Coins from Olbia to Cherson

Monstrous Coins: Monsters on Greek and Roman Coins

Christmas coins: the 4 Wiseman and Biblical Coins

Two Roman Quinari

February 2011 issues and later will be on Facebook under Reno Coin Club.

In addition I have placed on Youtube under the main heading of ancient coins, the slide shows I have done:

Constantine Part 1: An excerpt from Constantine and the Cross with Cornel Wilde

Constantine Part 2: The Bronze coins of Constantine in a slide show

The lecture was designed for college student doing Roman history to read the coins as the newspaper of the day and ask what Constantine was up to religiously and politically.

Coins of India: Survey of Indian history in coins

Eros and Psyche: a handful of Greek and Roman coins featuring Venus, Mars, and Cupid

I told the Eros and Psyche tale with emphasis on the importance for the Renaissance, Christian mysticism, modern psychology, and as the Greek and Roman John 3:16. Notes if you want them.

Coins of Armenia: From Tigranes, through Roman times to the present.

Atlantis, Europa and the First Coins of Europe

Recreation of the "floods" Mediterranean, Black Sea, and Mount Thera, (Which was Noahs?) followed by a large collection of Europa coins from ancient to modern times, and coins of Croesus, the Aegina turtle and Athens owl.

Tiny Coins: A collection of the smallest Greek and Roman coins, Indian fanams, ending with the smallest value coins and paper money from inflation.

Russian Civil War Currency

Jesus Coins: the Byzantine coins with Jesus on them.

Bactrian Coins: A short clip from the history channels discovery of the Eukatides huge gold going, golden treasures of Bactria, and my collection of mostly bronze Bactrian coins.

Bulgarian Coins: from Greek to modern coins of Bulgaria with special emphasis on the medieval kingdoms.

I have also placed the **Cupid and Psyche** slide show on the Facebook Reno Coin Club with the February issue of the Cartwheel. All the pictures from the articles and Cartwheel are loaded above or near the Cartwheel in living color and enlargeable. Facebook allows me to add my notes to the slide shows, Fqacebook does not, but it seems to be harder to load films to Facebook. I will try again. It is also theoretically possible to put films on our website, but I haven't learned to do that. Next I will be getting the Redfield material on Facebook, so there will be room for everyone to share any Redfield stories. You can remain anonymous if you so desire. Facebook allows you to comment on everything and can easily act as a blog. I will also be putting buttons on the website pages, since I now know how to do that. I want to scan the Reno Life article on Redfield into the Redfield site. Anyone know anybody there?

Numismatically yours, David Elliott



2011 Presidential and National Park Coins

The designs for the 2011 Presidential dollars and National Park quarters are circulating.



Andrew Johnson, Ulysses Grant, Rutherford B Hayes and James Garfield give us an impeached president, a drunk, and an assassinated president. Rutherford just has a funny name. Three of them are good looking bearded guys though. none of them are on schedule to be minted and the new Sacagawea dollar hasn't been placed on the direct free ship list yet either.

I got my bronze wives set for 2011 a couple weeks ago. Very nice coin for \$4-5 a piece, but no one else has mentioned there are collecting them



National park quarters are getting even nicer. We are getting Civil War memorials from Gettysburg and Vicksburg, another buffalo coin from Glacier. I already have the Gettysburg quarter and will bring them to the March 1st meeting along with two display boards.



Rediscover Gold at the ANA Sacramento National Money Show, March 17-19

In 1999, the ANA National Money Show in Sacramento set the standard for ANA spring conventions, attracting nearly 10,000 visitors in three days. The 2011 show should be even better with the ANA's signature Museum Showcase, featuring exhibits from the ANA Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and rarities from private collections. With more than 500 of the country's best coin dealers, a wide array of educational programs, family activities, plus special exhibits from ANA members and the United States Mint, there's something for everyone - regardless of their collecting experience or interests.

The Idler/Bebee Type III Specimen 1804 Dollar, dubbed "The King of U.S. Coins." There are three classes of 1804 dollars, depending on when they were struck. Type I specimens were struck in 1834-5 as diplomatic gifts (8 known). The type II (unique) and III specimens (6 known) were struck during the 1850s for collectors.

"Money of the Gold Rush," displayed courtesy of Holabird-Kagin Americana, explores how gold developed in the Old West from dust to gold exchange notes and includes a recently discovered 100-ounce gold nugget – the largest verifiable California nugget in existence.

"Presidential Time Capsules" displays the autograph of every United States President from Washington to Carter, together with vintage coins that circulated during their administrations.

"California National Bank Notes" includes a wide selection of paper money from 1863-1935, including notes issued from National Banks in Sacramento, Long Beach, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The McDermott/Bebee Specimen 1913 Liberty Head V" Nickel, one of five known. Struck under mysterious circumstances at the Philadelphia Mint, the nickels became famous nationwide in the 1930s by legendary Fort Worth coin dealer, B. Max Mehl, who widely advertised to buy them for \$50 each.

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February 2011

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February Cupid and Love Tokens

I will bring ancient coins of Cupid and Eros and relate the Eros and Psyche myth. It would be great if those who have love tokens also bring those into share. We'll have a love fest for Valentine's Day.

March Numismatic Trivia

A J. Jacobs will present Numismatic Trivia

April ANA National Coin Week

The theme for 88th annual National Coin Week is "**Blue, Gray and Greenbacks.**" commemorates the American Civil War and the "numismatic changes and innovations during the conflict." I know a lot of you have Civil War stuff, bring it in. I will present the ANA program (still do not have it).

May Fred Holabird

Fred has promised to do a topic or two and is free to bump February or April.

At The Last Meeting

29 members were in attendance and an unopposed slate of new board members and officers was nominated (see below). Thanks everyone for stepping forward. Doug took advantage of the hearing impaired and snookered me into the presidency. Hopefully, the best raffle chairman we have ever had will stay on in that capacity. Ralph Marrone, treasurer for more years than I can count has finally stepped down and let Gerry Breedlove take over. Rusty King is our new VP replacing Karen Sanguinetti, who put so much effort into the coin show and raffle. Andre Azzam began work as the new secretary right away, and he has great handwriting. Dan Waterman and Duke Morin continue as directors with Ken Hopple and Ed Wasielski becoming the new directors. Thanks all!

Early Bird Prize was a 2010 penny roll won by Howard Buchler

Raffle prizes winners were:

David Elliott: 2010 large print Red Book, so my regular one will be in the next raffle!
Dan Trabke: Canadian nickels. Caesar palace \$1
Rick DeAvila: wheat pennies, coin book
Howard Buchler: Roman coin
Dan Waterman: 1944 quarter
Ralph Marrone: 1900 V nickel
Jeff Allen: 1936 nickel
Ralph Doucette: Zac Taylor medal
Bart Daniels: roll Australian pennies
Jack Gruhler: 1901 V nickel, 1937 nickel, casino token
Rusty King: 1955 dime
Ken Hopple: \$2 print, 1895 penny
Doug Larson: 2010 silver eagle
Garrett Allen: coin holders, 1907 V nickel, wooden nickels, coin book, Prima Donna Casino
Mona Heater: Gold Club Sparks 1971

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No Auctions

Dan Waterman won the **quarter pot** of \$10.75

I will be bring all 5 P&D National Park Quarters \$2 for the last 2 (4 in all) P&D, all 10 \$4.50



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The Other Coin: Love in the Ancient World and Coins



In the Roman version, Cupid was the son of Venus (goddess of love) and Mars. In the Greek version he was named Eros. In Apuleius's *Metamorphoses*,

Cupid's mother Venus or Aphrodite became jealous of the princess Psyche, who was so beloved by her subjects that they forgot to worship Venus. She ordered Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with the vilest thing in the world. While Cupid was sneaking into her room to shoot Psyche with a golden arrow, he accidentally scratches himself with his own arrow and falls deeply in love with her.

Following that, Cupid visited Psyche every night, so that she could not see him. Fearful of his mother's wrath, he told her never to try to see him. Psyche, though, incited by her two older sisters who told her Cupid was a monster, tried to look at him, but hot candle wax fell on the sleeping Cupid from her candle, causing him to wake and flee.



When he left, she looked all over the world for him hounded by Cupid's mother Aphrodite, who had forbidden him to love Psyche. Aphrodite set Psyche three impossible tasks: 1) sorting of a huge pile of mixed grains in which she was aided by ants 2) getting fleece from the flesh eating golden sheep. Naiads aided her by telling her to wait until sundown and pluck the fleece from thorn bushes, and 3) getting Persephone's make-up box from Hades. Psyche opened the box to enhance her beauty and Cupid's love. This caused her to fall into a coma.

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Finally, Jupiter gave the persevering Psyche the gift of immortality so that she could be with Cupid.

This is the Greek and Roman version of the Song of Songs telling the story of the soul's relationship to the gods rather than God. Psyche means soul. In the Greek and Roman myths the gods also loved mankind, but mankind could not rest content with an invisible god and insisted on seeing god face to face. Psyche's trials are interpreted as the need to learn logic and reason—Aristotle sorting of things into categories, followed by labor or work in the gathering of wool, and finally learning that the beauty, goodness, and love of God is not something that mortals can possess except by God's grace. This is what Dostoevsky meant by "Beauty will save the world." In both Russian and Greek goodness and beauty are the same word. This is also one of the fables the Church Fathers referred to help understand the summation of the Incarnation in the phrase, "God became man. so that man may become god."



Love Token

Love Tokens

A love token is the name often given to coins that have been engraved with some sort of personal message or information. The term 'love token' is a bit of a misnomer as many of the engravings have nothing to do with 'love' but instead recorded births or deaths. A popular habit was to take a coin, usually a dime or half-dime, and engrave on it some special piece of information like a birth date or the commemoration of a death. Sometimes the engraving is detailed and tells you the name of the person, the exact date, and sometimes the event. The engraving is usually many decades later than the coin.

From the seventeenth century onwards it became fashionable to wear jewelry that commemorated a cherished person. Engraved coins represent a cheaper option for those who could not afford a brooch or mourning rings. In the 19th century love tokens became more elaborate and often involved enameling and/or completely erasing one face (or sometimes both sides) of the coin so that a message, name, date or initials could replace it. Occasionally the coin then had a pin soldered to it, so that it could be worn as a brooch. Engraving coins became widespread – many US coins of the 1800s were engraved in some way.

Please bring in a love token if you have one



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Ed has donated a big bag of steel pennies, a roll of V nickels and many other things to the club over the years.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



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"Minting & Mining in Carson City" March 20-23

Go on a three-day educational adventure that explores the history of the Gold Rush in California and Nevada, tours the legendary Comstock Lode mines in Virginia City, and features top numismatic experts at the old Carson City Mint. "Minting and Mining in Carson City" is part of the American Numismatic Association's "Destination Education" series and takes place March 20-23 following the 2011 Sacramento National Money Show.

Students will leave Sacramento by bus on Sunday, March 20 at 11 a.m., visit the Empire State Historic Park Museum and spend a night of fun and relaxation at the Peppermill Resort Spa and Casino in Reno. On March 21 students will tour the Comstock Lode, Virginia City, and other historic sites before arriving at the Courtyard Marriott in Carson City.

March 22 will be at the Nevada State Museum, formerly the Carson City Mint, learning from top numismatic experts before dinner at the Nevada Governor's Mansion featuring an appearance by Mark Twain. **ANA Club members may apply for limited seating at \$99 for this day's events!**

The seminar concludes March 23 with stops at Coloma and the Boeger Winery in Placerville before arriving in Sacramento by 2:30 p.m.

The cost of "Minting and Mining in Carson City," including tuition, transportation, three nights of lodging, meals and dinner credits, is \$995 (single occupancy) and \$1,549 (double occupancy). To register for the learning adventure of a lifetime, call 719-482-9850 or www.nationalmoneyshow.com.

Fred Holabird is the tour guide to the mines and towns of the Comstock Lode..

Fred Weinberg, president of Weinberg & Co., leads a discussion of major U.S. Mint errors and the evolution of the coin error hobby.

Bob Nylen, curator of history at the Nevada State Museum, explores the history of the Carson City Mint. Nylen developed the Kit Carson Trail Walking Tour and created many museum exhibits.

Gene Hattori, curator of anthropology at the Nevada State Museum, discusses excavations in Lovelock, that revealed U.S. gold coins in former Chinatown.

Ken Hopple, chief coiner at the Nevada State Museum, gives demonstrations of the historic Coin Press No. 1.

More than 100,000 Roman Coins in Arroux, France

The hoard of coins was buried in a pit sealed with tiles. It weighs 38 kg and contains more than 100,000 Roman coins from the end of the 3rd century AD. These coins are all small bronze pieces weighing less than 0.4 g. They are unofficial coins, like many that circulated during the very troubled period of the second half of the 3rd century and 4th century.

Tons of Ancient Coins Found in China

An ancient kiln storing several tons of copper coins dating back to the Song Dynasty (960-1279) was excavated in Hua County of northwest China's Shaanxi Province on Dec. 22. The kiln is 1 meter wide at the mouth, 2 meters wide at the belly and 3 meters deep. More than 20 kinds of copper coins were found in the kiln with a total weight of 3 tons.

MINING & MINTING IN CARSON CITY



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Tuesday, 4th of January 7:30 PM
Carrow's Restaurant
605 N. Wells Avenue (Wells and 6th), Reno, NV

January DUES ARE DUE

No topic scheduled. Please bring in any Christmas treats (coin gifts) you want to share. Hope we all didn't get coal in our stockings. I got a real nice donation of rarer and nice US coins, which I'll give to Doug to spice up the raffle.

Awards Banquet and elections, January 18, 7:30 PM-details to follow

At The Last Meeting

Ok I had the flu, but Shannon sent me some notes, and I got Dan Waterman to pick up the Lincoln dollars and raffle prizes (thanks, Dan), so I was there in spirit any way:

Ken Hoppole: grand prize of silver club medal, also copper medal, and nickle medal
Doug Larson: 2010 silver eagle
Rick DeAvila ditto
Ralph Marrone 1 oz Englehard silver bar
David Elliott RCC brass medal
Rusty King 1999 \$1 star note.



Early Bird Prize was a penny roll (date would be nice)
Raffle prizes winners were:

Roger Edwards: 1979 mint double set, Irish mint set 1966
Rick De Avila: Indian penny, Buffalo nickel, Merc dime set, SBA set, Buffalo nickel set, 1979 mint set, Nevada centennial medal
Dan Trabke: mint medal
Ed Scott: medal, coin tubes, coin folders, presidential coin
Garrett Allen: 1969 mint set, 1968 mint set, Israel mint set 1970, 1971
Ralph Marrone: 1982 mint set
Ken Hoppole: 1980 SBA set, 4 1956 silver proof dimes
Jerry Breedlove: 1974 mint set, 1969 Mexican mint set. Israel 1971 mint set
Quint Anina 1956 proof dime
Claude Sendon Israel coins, Israel 26th anniversary set
Larry Demangate: ancient coin
Jack Gruhler:dollar coins
Jeff Allen: presidential medals
Bart Daniels presidential medals
Gary Dahlke: Whitman box, 1964 NV coin, 1984 half dollar

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Tony Villalobos name was drawn for the **quarter pot**, presumably not there????

Auctions

Baseball cards Ed Scott \$35
2000S Clad VA quarter Shannon Holmes \$10
Morgan key chain Paul Williams \$35



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The Other Coin: Two Roman Quinarii

I scored two small quinarii (singular quinarius) or half denarius because they both appeared to have an interesting story to tell. The quinarius is the smallest of the roman silver coins. But I should take a step back.

Minting coins in Republican Rome was primarily the job of one of the three *tresviri auro argento aere flando feriundo* (“the three men for casting and striking of gold, silver and bronze”). The office of moneyer was most likely established in the third century BC. This annual office was shared by three men at the beginning of their career on the *cursus honorum*, the political career ladder hopefully ending in achieving the highest office of one of the two consuls. A position from which one commanded Rome and the armies. Candidates for moneyer normally had to be at least 27 years of age, and had usually already served in the military.

Men from more prominent families begin to hold the office of moneyer when they realized the propaganda value of coins. Many of the coiners took the opportunity to place on their coins designs that represented the achievements of their family and ancestors, thereby increasing their own prestige and hope of election to higher office. Recently it has been suggested that these representations should be seen in the context of a wider Roman cultural practice of honoring one's ancestors. Republican coins may not have been issued only for the purposes of propaganda, but as a commemoration or *monumentum* to the family to which the moneyer belonged.

My first coin was minted by L. Rubrius Dosensus in 87 BC as a supporter of Sulla against Marius.



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We see Neptune head right with Dossens behind and on the reverse victory with palm before an altar with snake and L. Rubri behind. Sulla had become consul defeating Marius in 88BC in the Social War (91-87BC) so called, because the *Socii* or “allies” of the Romans in Italy had the same military obligations as the Latin Romans, but had more taxes and almost no political say in the government. Sulla fought to preserve a purely Latin Senate and keep the burden on the *Socii*. With victory in hand Sulla orders that a fleet be raised to oppose Mithradates, who was building an empire in Asia Minor and threatening Greece. This is what the coin is commemorating. By 86BC Marius had defeated Sulla, invalidated his laws, took command of his navy, and was the new consul of Rome.

The second coin is minted by Petillius Capitolinus in 43 BC and has Zeus’ eagle on a thunderbolt on the obverse with his name and the temple of Jupiter Best and Greatest on the reverse.



Now besides being a cool coin, the architectural detail of the Jupiter Optimus Maximus is shown as it was rebuilt by Sulla after it burned down in 87BC during the aforementioned Civil War of the *Socii*. There is a whole branch of numismatics that notes architecture on coins to recreate ancient buildings. We know it had six columns and a multitude of statues on the roof. the SF likely stands for *Sulla fecit* –Sulla made this. Marius was a mentor to Julius Caesar, and found the young man so precocious that he had him made chief priest *Pontifex Maximus*, so he could not lead armies. It took Caesar years to figure out a ritual blemish, so he could no longer serve as chief priest, but he and later emperors and then the Pope kept the title.

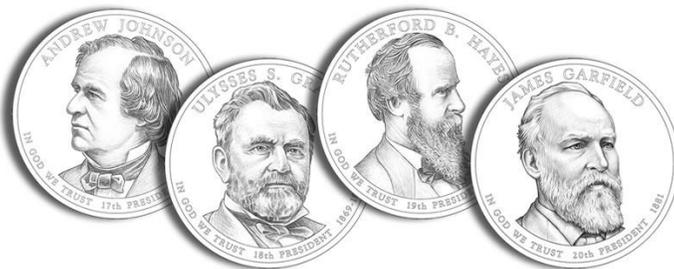
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2011 Presidential \$1 Dollar Coin Design Images

The United States Mint on Wednesday, December 22 released design images of the 2011 Presidential \$1 Dollar Coins. The dollars feature portraits of former Presidents Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes and James Garfield. They mark the seventeenth through the twentieth dollar coins to be issued in the United States Mint Presidential \$1 Coin Program which began in 2007 with George Washington.

DUES Are DUE. Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail them to us.





2011 Native American Dollar to Launch January 12

The United States Mint announced that it would officially launch the 2011 Native American Dollar coin in a ceremony on January 12, 2011. The US Mint first revealed the new dollar coin design in late November. The site selected for the 2001 launch is located at the Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts.



Pearl Harbor 70th Anniversary Commemorated in Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals

"December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked..." These words of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt will forever be associated with the World War II attack on United States forces based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii that resulted in the death of well over 2,000 U.S. Military men and the wounding of over a thousand.

Gold, silver and bronze medals have been created for the release. The bronze and silver strikes each have a diameter of 39mm with the proof silver piece containing one ounce of .999 fine silver. The proof gold medal contains one-tenth ounce of .9999 fine gold with a diameter of 17mm. In addition to the individual medals, special sets containing more than one of the strikes is also available.

The obverse of each bronze and silver medal authorized by the Association contains an action scene showing a view of the deck of the USS Nevada with the stricken USS Arizona in the background. Two Navy sailors are depicted firing a .30 caliber Browning water cooled machine gun under the direction of an officer at an incoming Japanese plane. Surrounding the scene are the inscriptions of PEARL HARBOR 1941-2011 and HAWAII. Each proof Gold Liberty Medal features a portrait of Lady Liberty on the obverse. Inscribed around her are LIBERTY, 2010 and TRUST IN GOD.

All three medals contain the same reverse which shows the Arizona Memorial in the center with a US flag flying above it. An outline of the Island of Oahu is included as well with the position of Pearl Harbor clearly identified. Surrounding the design are the inscriptions of 70TH, REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR, DECEMBER 7 1941 and DAY OF INFAMY.

The bronze medals are currently available for \$22 each. Each one ounce proof silver medal is currently listed at \$65. Finally, the three medal set which contains the Gold Liberty and the silver and bronze medals is shown for \$399. For more information, see the official Royal Hawaiian Mint page at www.officialpearlharbor70thcommemorativeproofcoin.com or call the Mint directly at (808) 922-6468.



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